

CLAIMS

1"-64 (Cancelled)

65. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for monitoring the operations of an operator of a medical imaging machine that performs a medical function, comprising:

a computer for storing a first series of steps that an operator should perform when using said medical imaging machine to perform said medical function,

said computer also storing a second series of steps that set forth what the operator performed during the use of said medical imaging machine to perform said medical function,

said computer comparing said first series of steps with said second series of steps.

66. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as defined in claim 65, in which said computer means has an output which sets forth prices computed from the operations performed by said medical imaging machine.

67. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as defined in claim 65, wherein there are a plurality of medical imaging machines each of which performs a medical function and in which said computer compares at least one step of said first series of steps of each said medical imaging machine with at least one step of said second series of steps for each of said medical imaging machines.

68. (Currently Amended) Apparatus as defined in claim 65, in which there are plural computers, including at least one computer for each medical imaging machine so that separate operators can monitor separate patients at the same time.

69. (Currently Amended) The method of monitoring the operations of an operator of a medical imaging machine which gathers medical information about a

patient, comprising:

providing a computer,

storing in said computer a predetermined series of steps for operating said medical imaging machine to perform a medical function,

entering into said computer the actual series of steps of said operator in operating said medical imaging machine,

comparing said predetermined series of steps with said actual series of steps of said operator.

70. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 65, in which said computer computes prices useful for billing purposes from the operations of said medical imaging machine.

71. (Currently Amended) The method defined in claim 65, in which there are a plurality of medical imaging machines each of which performs a medical function,

providing a separate operator for each of said medical imaging machines,

comparing said predetermined series of steps with the actual series of steps of each operator.

72. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 65, in which said computer provides information on procedures performed on each of said medical imaging machines as well as summaries of the operations of all of said medical imaging machines.

73. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 65, in which there are plural medical imaging machines and said computer compares actual operations of each medical imaging machine with said predetermined series of steps and determines any difference or similarity between said predetermined

series of steps and said actual series of steps performed.

74. (New) Apparatus as defined in claim 65, in which said medical imaging machine is an x-ray machine.

75. (New) The method as defined in claim 65, in which said medical imaging machine is a radiology imaging machine.

76. (Currently Amended) The method of monitoring the work of an operator of a medical imaging machine comprising:

providing a medical imaging machine which requires an operator to make a series of steps in order for such medical imaging machine to produce desired results,

providing a computer means,

storing in said memory data which represents predetermined steps of said operator during the use of said medical imaging machine to perform a medical function, and

entering into said computer actual steps of said operator using said medical imaging machine, and

comparing said actual steps with said predetermined steps.

77. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for monitoring the operations of an operator of a medical imaging machine that performs a medical function, comprising:

a computer,

said computer including means for storing at least two predetermined steps that an operator should perform when using said medical imaging machine to perform said medical function,

said computer receiving and storing at least two actual steps of the operator

during the use of said medical imaging machine to perform said medical function,
and

said computer comparing said at least two predetermined steps with said at least two actual steps entered into said computer.

78. (New) Apparatus as defined in claim 77, in which said medical imaging machine is an x-ray machine.

79. (New) Apparatus as defined in claim 77, in which said medical imaging machine is an MRI machine.

80. (New) Apparatus as defined in claim 77, in which said medical imaging machine is an CT scanner machine.